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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHT QUESTION AT AMSTERDAM
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEETING

REF: A. OSLO 1797 B. THE HAGUE 2015

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER NORDLI APRIL 19 WE
DISCUSSED RECENT SOCIALIST SUMMIT MEETING WHICH HE ATTENDED
IN AMSTERDAM (REFTELS). NORDLI REFERRED TO NORWEGIAN PRESS
ACCOUNTS OF THE MEETING (OSLO 1797) WHICH HAD EMPHASIZED
NORDLI'S SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGED CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT BY FRG
LEADER WILLIE BRANDT FOR ENDANGERING DETENTE BY PUSHING HUMAN
RIGHTS TOO HARD. NORDLI SAID NORWEGIAN PRESS HAD MISCONSTRUED
AND EXAGGERATED BRANDT'S VIEWS.

2. NORDLI SAID BRANDT TOLD HIM PRIVATELY THAT HE FULLY
AGREED WITH NORDLI'S STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
WAS STISIFIED WITH THE WAY THE PRESIDENT IS HANDLING THE
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. BRANDT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN SPEAKING
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INFORMALLY ON SUBJECT TO PRESS HE MAY NOT HAVE EXPRESSED
HIMSELF AS CLEARLY AS HE HAD WISHED, BUT THAT THE PRESS
HAD CLEARLY MISSTATED HIS VIEWS.

3. NORDLI SAID BRANDT TOLD HIM THAT THERE WERE SOME
PARTICULARLY DELICATE PROBLEMS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS/DETENTE
RELATIONSHIP FOR THE GERMANS. A NUMBER OF WEST GERMANS

WANTED TO RETURN TEMPORARILY TO THE EAST TO VISIT RELATIVES,
AND THEY DID NOT WANT ANY EXACERBRATION OF RELATIONS WHICH
MIGHT PREVENT SUCH VISITS. FOR THIS REASON, BRANDT TOLD
NORDLI, WEST GERMAN WANTED TO DAMP DOWN POTENTIAL TENSIONS
WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.

4. NORDLI SAID WRITTEN CONCLUSIONS OF THE SUMMIT MEETING
(THE HAGUE 2002) ACCURATELY REFLECT THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
LEADERS' VIEWS. THE CONCLUSIONS STATE THAT DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALISTS HAVE ALREADY DEDICATED THEMSELVES AND THIER POLICY
TO HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR SUCH
RIGHTS AND SEE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THESE EFFORTS AND DETENTE.
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